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For : BAYONET COUPLING FOR AXIALLY MOUNTING ONE OF TWO
RELATIVELY ROTABLE RING-SHAPED MEMBERS ON THE OTHER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PQ Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-236243, which was published on August 23, 2002, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-105731 to IIKAWA et al., which was published on August 8, 2002;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-146278, which was published on June 7, 1996, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,731,913 to IMANARI, which issued on March 24, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-75152, which was published on March 18, 1994, together with an English language translation of the same;

U.S. Patent No. 4,017,878 to HAGIWARA, which issued on April 12, 1977;

U.S. Patent No. 5,274,413 to NOMURA et al., which issued on December 28, 1993; and

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U.S. Patent No. 6,421,192 to NOMURA et al., which issued on July 16, 2002.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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